AN ACT concerning the university of Kansas school of medicine; relating to the medical student loan program; medical residency bridging program; loan assistance; promoting the practice of obstetrics and gynecology in medically underserved areas; amending K.S.A. 76-381, 76-383 and 76-387 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 76-386a.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 76-381 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-381. As used in K.S.A. 76-380 through 76-386, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Act" means the medical student loan act;
(b) "approved postgraduate residency training program" means a residency training program in general pediatrics, general internal medicine, family medicine, family practice, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, general psychiatry, child psychiatry or fellowship training in geriatric medicine;
(c) "service commitment area" means: (1) Any community within any county in Kansas other than Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte county; (2) any state medical care facility or institution; (3) any medical center operated by the veterans administration of the United States; (4) the full-time faculty of the university of Kansas school of medicine in family medicine, family practice, general psychiatry or child psychiatry if serving as full-time faculty as provided in K.S.A. 76-384(c), and amendments thereto; or (5) any community within Wyandotte county for purposes of any practice obligation under an agreement entered into by a person who is enrolled for the first time after July 1, 2004, in a course of study leading to the medical degree; and
(d) "state medical care facility or institution" includes, but is not limited to, the Kansas state school for the visually handicapped, the Kansas state school for the deaf, any institution under the secretary for aging and disability services, as defined by K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, any institution under the commissioner of juvenile justice as defined by K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto, the Kansas soldiers' home, the Kansas veterans' home and any correctional institution under the secretary of corrections, as defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto, but shall not include any state
Section 2. K.S.A. 76-383 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-383.
A medical student loan agreement entered into by the university of Kansas
school of medicine and an undergraduate student enrolled in or admitted to
the university of Kansas school of medicine in a course of instruction
leading to the degree of doctor of medicine for the purpose of receiving a
medical student loan under this act shall require that the person receiving
the loan:
   (a) Complete the required course of instruction and receive the degree
       of doctor of medicine and apply for, enter and complete an approved
       postgraduate residency training program;
   (b) apply for and obtain a license to practice medicine and surgery in
       Kansas;
   (c) except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 76-384, and amendments
       thereto, engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery for a
       period of 12 months within a service commitment area, except as
       otherwise provided in K.S.A. 76-384(c), and amendments thereto, for
       service as a full-time faculty member of the university of Kansas school of
       medicine in family medicine, family practice, general psychiatry or child
       psychiatry;
   (d) commence such full-time practice of medicine and surgery within
       nine months after completion of an approved postgraduate residency
       training program and licensure in a service commitment area and continue
       such full-time practice in such service commitment area for a consecutive
       period of months equal to the total number of months required under the
       agreement;
   (e) agree that the service commitment for each agreement entered into
       under this act is in addition to the service commitment contained in any
       other agreement which that has been or may be entered into under this act
       for the purpose of obtaining a medical student loan or under other
       agreements for the purpose of obtaining scholarship aid;
   (f) maintain records and make reports to the university of Kansas
       school of medicine to document the satisfaction of the obligation under
       such agreement to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery
       within a service commitment area and to continue such full-time practice
       in such service commitment area for a consecutive period of months equal
       to the total number of months required under the agreement; and
   (g) upon failure to satisfy an agreement to engage in the full-time
       practice of medicine and surgery within a service commitment area for the
       required period of time under any such agreement, the person receiving a
       medical student loan under this act shall repay amounts to the university of
Sec. 3. K.S.A. 76-387 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-387.
(a) (1) There is hereby established the Kansas medical residency bridging
program at the university of Kansas school of medicine, which shall be
developed and implemented in order to provide encouragement,
opportunities and incentives for persons in primary care or mental health
to:
(A) Enter and complete medical residency training programs in
primary care or mental health medical care medical residency training program that is operated in Kansas and approved by the
state board of healing arts; and a person under subsection (i) to
(B) locate their medical practice in rural Kansas communities upon
completion of such residency training.
(2) The Kansas medical residency bridging program shall be
administered by the institute for rural health care of the university of
Kansas school of medicine.
(b) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, the university of
Kansas school of medicine may enter into residency bridging loan
agreements, in accordance with the provisions of this section: (A) with any
person who has completed the first year of a primary care or mental health
medical residency training program in general pediatrics, general
internal medicine, family medicine, family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, general psychiatry or child psychiatry that is operated by or
affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine or other such
primary care or mental health medical residency training program that is operated in Kansas and approved by the state board of healing arts; and
(B) with a person under subsection (i).
(c) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, each person
entering into a residency bridging loan agreement under this section shall
receive a payment of $5,000 each year of primary care or mental health
medical residency training, or any part of a year of such training, after
the date that the residency bridging loan agreement is entered into by the
resident and the university of Kansas school of medicine and, upon
completion of the primary care or mental health medical residency
training program, a payment of $6,000.
(d) Each residency bridging loan agreement shall require that the
person receiving the loan:
(1) Complete the primary care or mental health medical residency training program;
(2) engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in any county in Kansas other than Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte for three years under a practice commitment agreement;

(3) commence such full-time practice of medicine and surgery within 90 days after completing the primary care or mental health care medical residency training program; and

(4) upon failure to satisfy the obligation to engage in the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in accordance with the provisions of the residency bridging loan agreement and this section, the person receiving the loan under this section shall repay to the university of Kansas school of medicine, within 90 days of such failure, the amount equal to the amount of money received by such person from the university of Kansas school of medicine, less credits earned, under such agreement plus interest at the annual rate of 15% from the date such money was received.

(e) An obligation to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in accordance with the provisions of a residency bridging loan agreement and this section shall be postponed during: (1) Any period of temporary medical disability during which the person obligated is unable to practice medicine and surgery because of such medical disability; or (2) any other period of postponement agreed to or determined in accordance with criteria agreed to in the practice commitment agreement.

(f) An obligation to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in accordance with the provisions of a residency bridging loan agreement and this section shall be satisfied: (1) If the obligation to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in accordance with such agreement has been completed; (2) if the person obligated dies; or (3) if, because of permanent physical disability, the person obligated is unable to practice medicine and surgery.

(g) The university of Kansas school of medicine may adopt additional provisions, requirements or conditions for participation in the Kansas medical residency bridging program as are practicable and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the program or as may be required for the implementation or administration of the program and, in any case, as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section or the provisions of appropriation acts.

(h) As used in this section, "practice commitment agreement" means an agreement to commence the full-time practice of medicine and surgery in a city located in any county in Kansas other than Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte county, that:

(1) Was entered into: (A) by a person in a primary care or mental health care medical residency training program in general pediatrics, general internal medicine, family medicine, family practice, obstetrics and
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1. gynecology, general psychiatry or child psychiatry, that is operated by or
2. affiliated with the university of Kansas school of medicine or other such
3. primary care or mental health care medical residency training program that
4. is operated in Kansas and approved by the state board of healing arts; or
5. (B) by a person under subsection (i), with the city where such practice is to
6. commence or another contracting entity other than the university of
7. Kansas school of medicine that is representative of the interests of such
8. city; and
9. (2) provides benefits to such person that have an aggregate monetary
10. value equal to or greater than the aggregate amount of payments to such
11. person from the university of Kansas school of medicine under a residency
12. bridging loan agreement under this section.

(i) A person who graduated from the university of Kansas school of
13. medicine prior to July 1, 1992, who has completed the first year of a
14. primary care residency training program in family practice which is
15. operated outside the state of Kansas and who has entered into a practice
16. commitment agreement with the north central Kansas health care
17. foundation is eligible to enter into a residency bridging loan agreement
18. under this section.

(j)(i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no
19. moneys appropriated for the Kansas medical residency bridging program
20. at the university of Kansas school of medicine, except moneys
21. appropriated to the rural health bridging psychiatry fund, shall be
22. expended for residency bridging loan agreements for medical residents
23. training in general psychiatry or child psychiatry.

(k)(j) Subject to appropriations, the university of Kansas school of
24. medicine shall enter into residency bridging loan agreements with three
25. medical residents training in general psychiatry or child psychiatry.

(l)(k) There is hereby established in the state treasury the rural health
26. bridging psychiatry fund. All moneys credited to the rural health bridging
27. psychiatry fund shall be used only for purposes related to residency
28. bridging loan agreements for medical residents training in general
29. psychiatry or child psychiatry pursuant to K.S.A. 76-387, and amendments
30. thereto this section. All expenditures from the rural health bridging
31. psychiatry fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon
32. warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to
33. vouchers approved by the chancellor of the university of Kansas or the
34. chancellor's designee.

(m)(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no
35. moneys shall be transferred from the comprehensive grant program
36. account of the state board of regents to the rural health bridging psychiatry
37. fund or expended for any purposes related to the Kansas medical residency
38. bridging program.
Sec. 4. K.S.A. 76-381, 76-383, 76-386a and 76-387 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.